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S.F. MAYOR'S RACE: JORDAN VS. BROWN IN DEC. 12TH RUNOFF. ACHTENBERG ENDORSES BROWN.

Editor's note: Although there are still absentee ballots uncounted, as CALPEEK hit deadline it will be a Dec. 12th runoff between Mayor Frank Jordan and former Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. Here's our analysis...

...A monster technical screw up at S.F. City Hall (with borrowed computers) delayed the results of the election for hours. But unofficial results show Brown getting 34.8%, Jordan 33.2%, former HUD Asst. Sec. Roberta Achtenberg at 27% and businessman Ben Hom at 3%. Very close to what our sources said in last week's issue (Nov. 6/Vol. XVII #41). The voter turnout was 43%...

...But these results are only part of the story. Mayor Jordan's AV (absentee voter) program kept him in the race. On election day itself (without absentee ballots) Jordan finished 3rd. Likewise, it was Brown's massive GOTV/field operation, with 1,200 walkers, that kept him in the game. He was under constant attack from Jordan and the S.F. Examiner. Almost all sources say that if the race had continued for a few more days, Achtenberg would have overtaken either Jordan or Brown. *Big mo* was on her side. On election night Achtenberg became a "team player" and endorsed Willie. Very smart move on her part that will earn points with some of those who have had problems with her in the past. The endorsement will be of tremendous help to Brown, who now assumes *frontrunner* status...

...But make no mistake, Jordan really took a hit in this primary. He also lost two local initiatives which he sponsored: 1) a teenage curfew law; and 2) a campaign finance reform measure. Voters approved the finance reform measure put on the ballot by the S.F. Supes...

...FYI: So what were voters looking for in a mayor? Not the status quo (Jordan), but for *competence &*

change (Achtenberg or Brown). The election night screw up and the naked shower photo were symptoms of Jordan's problems. The infamous Jordan photo has been described by a S.F. campaign consultant as, "*The scariest shower scene since Psycho*." Stay tuned...

CARD CLUB MADNESS: 3 OF 7 LOCAL CARD CLUB PLANS WIN. IS STATEWIDE CASINO GAMING NEXT?

Editor's note: It was a very unusual Nov. 7th election in Calif. Three of 7 card club initiatives were approved by voters in Calif. The win in Palm Springs was the most significant, because one of the sponsors said that if it won, he'd launch a statewide drive to qualify an initiative to permit *Nevada-styled gaming* in Calif. Here is our update & analysis...

...Measure L in Palm Springs, Measure K in Coachella and Measure E in Suisun City (Solano County) all won. In Palm Springs the vote was 62.2% YES vs. 37.8% NO. It was almost the same percentage in Coachella (61.3% to 38.7%). But in Suisun City, where Hornblower Dining Yachts spent \$50,000 on the YES side, Measure E won by a slim 22 votes --- 1,851 to 1,829. All of these wins are *unusual* because it's very hard to win these kinds of elections...

...The cities which lost card club measures were Pomona (for the second time this year and by a bigger margin than in April - 45% YES vs. 55% NO - and sources say backers of the Pomona initiative may have spent as much as \$600,000); Ontario (1,957 YES vs. 6,859 NO); Hesperia (1,910 YES vs. 4,318 NO) and San Mateo (38.5% YES vs. 61.95% NO)...

...*The Big Winner*. The backers of the Palm Springs initiative were the big winners --- that means developer Mark Bragg, R.D. Hubbard (that's the Inglewood Card Club at Hollywood Park) and DeBartolo Entertainment. Hubbard now has casino interests at his home

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base, plus Palm Springs & Compton. DeBartolo Entertainment is partnered with Hubbard in PS & Compton...

...As for a statewide initiative, Mark Bragg is the guy to watch. Sources believe he has drafted 3-4 statewide casino initiatives, with different approaches. If any one of them were to get on the November 1996 ballot, you can bet your first born that between \$20-30 million will be spent --- pro & con. And a statewide law permitting Class III casino/NV-styled gaming would become the **dominant CA initiative** of the November election, blowing CCRI and other initiatives away. Prominent Demos say, "Go for it, Mark."...

...Such an initiative would likely attract support from developers, builders, labor unions and local government. Opposition would come from Nevada casino interests, the religious right and probably from local CA card clubs. Where would the CA Indian tribes stand? Remember, if CA passes a law which allows Class III gaming, the Indians can do the same thing at their existing casinos throughout Calif. FYI: both the U.S. and CA Supreme Courts have pending rulings which could impact the whole gaming issue. Stay tuned...

67TH A.D. RECALL UPDATE: GOP INTERNAL WAR BREAKS OUT. DEMOS WILL BACK PATTERSON.

Editor's note: Lots to report with 3 weeks to go in this recall aimed at removing GOP Assemblywoman Doris Allen of Cypress. Here's our update & analysis...

...Politics first. As predicted, most of Orange County's GOP **Junta** has endorsed the candidacy of Scott Baugh, one of four Republican candidates seeking to replace Allen in the Nov. 28th recall. From day one, Baugh had been U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's candidate, but now GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle is aboard, as is State Sen. John Lewis and U.S. House members Dornan, Cox and Packard. Also backing both the recall of Allen and Baugh's candidacy is the 67th A.D. CA Republican Assembly. So that original **Junta** pledge of *neutrality* was meaningless. FYI: the other frontrunning GOPer in this recall, businesswoman Haydee Tillotson, has the endorsement of Doy Henley, president of the influential Orange Co. Lincoln Club. It's a good endorsement and an indication that this election is NOT locked up for any one candidate...

...And in fact, it is apparent that GOPers from the 67th

A.D. are split between Baugh, Tillotson and two other Republicans --- school board member Shirley Carey and businessman Don MacAllister. And it's because all four contenders have solid credentials, that the O.C. GOP **Junta** is scared to death about the lone Demo in the recall, ex Huntington Beach Mayor Linda Moulton-Patterson. And perhaps for good reason...

...CALPEEK sources in O.C. and Sacto say that the CDP, the Assembly Demos as well as the O.C. Demo Party and Democratic Foundation of O.C. will contribute from \$100,000 to \$300,000 for Moulton-Patterson during the next 10-15 days. Several sources say M-P has hired Skelton, Grover & Assoc. to handle direct mail. But is all this too late??? Perhaps...

...On the legal front, Demos have served subpoenas on Kendrick Campbell, husband of Demo Laurie Campbell, who was bounded off the ballot by a judge. Also served was recall manager Jeff Flint, the former COS to Pringle. Sources hope to have Pringle served by the time you get this issue of CALPEEK. Attorney Wylie Aitken, who chairs the DFOC, says he has asked the Campbells to appear at a Nov. 14th deposition. Aitken wants Flint and Pringle for a Nov. 16th deposition. One way or another, Demos intend to find out who helped Laurie Campbell get on the ballot. Remember, she falsely claimed that she was the circulator of her nominating petitions. And because Ms. Campbell faces possible felony prosecution, our sources think it is likely she'll take "The 5th" when she appears for her deposition. More next week...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: 3 INITIATIVES GIVEN OK TO GO FOR NOV. 96, INCLUDING NEW VOUCHER PLAN.

Editor's note: The CA Sec. of States office has given the go ahead for three(3) new initiatives to collect signatures. Here's a brief update...

☒ "**Taxes. Assessments. Real Property.**" is the official title of a constitutional amendment which would abolish all real property taxes and real property-related assessments --- if approved by voters. The proponent is Earl H. Carraway of Laguna Hills ☎ (714)733-7431. Carraway has until Mar. 20, 1996 to collect 693,230 valid signatures...

☒ "**Taxes. Revenuing. Felony.**" is the official title of a constitutional amendment by proponents Ted

Costa and Major Gen. Sidney S. Novaresi, both of People's Advocate, Inc. of Sacto. If approved, this measure would require a 2/3rd majority vote of legislative bodies, or a majority of voters, to approve changes to increase state or local taxes lasting 10 years or less. Deadline for submitting 693,230 valid signatures is Mar. 27, 1996. ☎ (916)482-6175...

☒ **"School Funding. Vouchers. State Funding for Private Education."** is the official title of this new school voucher plan. The measure has 16 proponents and is sponsored by Bay C.A.R.E. of San Francisco, ☎ (415)752-7333. Proponents have until April 1, 1996 to collect 693,230 valid signatures...

...FYI: In order to make the November '96 ballot, all initiative measures must be certified by June 27th. That means petitions should be turn in to county registrars around April 19th. Stay tuned...

U.S. HOUSE RACES: CALPEEK'S TOP 7 PRIMARIES.

Editor's note: Although it's always more fun to watch a general election, nevertheless the Mar. 26th Calif. primary will feature some exciting primary battles. Calif.'s U.S. House delegation currently has a slim 26-to-25 Demo majority, with one vacancy --- Norm Mineta's 15th C.D. in San Jose. If GOP State Sen. Tom Campbell defeats Demo Jerry Estruth on Dec. 12th, the delegation will be evenly split...

...As for the primaries, CALPEEK has spotted 7 races which will get the majority of coverage. Here's our brief update & analysis...

● **Under Siege** - U.S. Rep. Bob Filner(D-San Diego) is being challenged by popular San Diego Councilman Juan Vargas. Why is Vargas taking on Filner? Sources say he's not running against Filner, but for congress. By population, the **50th C.D.** has a 60% Hispanic population, but registration is very different. Vargas has a good fundraising base, so he'll be competitive. This primary could get nasty. Filner has made enemies in San Diego who are anxious to settle old scores...

● **1st C.D.** - U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs(R-Napa) is the DCCC's #2 target in the U.S. Until a few weeks ago the problem was recruiting a solid Demo to challenge Riggs. Now there are 5 Demos in this race. They include Michela Alioto, granddaughter of ex S.F. Mayor

Joe; St. Helena attorney Monica Marvin; Clearlake attorney Dennis O'Brien; Hearldsburg Councilman Peter Foppiano; and Ft. Bragg school board member Jim Hurst. The early line: keep your eyes on Alioto and Marvin. Alioto's got deep pockets and was working in the White House as a domestic policy advisor for VP Al Gore...

● **24th C.D.** - Life without Tony Beilenson. Sounds great to GOPer Rich Sybert. And the Demos could lose this OPEN seat unless they recruit a solid candidate with charisma, money and Valley roots. Looking are former Congressman Mel Levine; Assemblyman Richard Katz; BOE Member Brad Sherman; former Councilwoman Joy Picus; and possibly L.A. Co. Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky. Sources say the strongest Demos are Yaroslavsky, Katz or Levine...

● **42nd C.D.** - Who takes on GOP slayer George Brown, the long term incumbent Demo who is like the "energizer bunny."? Lining up are '94's victim, Rob Guzman; San Berdu Co. Judge Linda M. Wilde; and Rancho Cucamonga Councilman Rex Gutierrez...

● **36th C.D.** - Who gets to take on Demo U.S. Rep. Jane Harman in '96? The '94 loser, Susan Brooks, wants another shot, but she'll have stiff competition from Dr. Irwin Savodnik and from attorney Greg Ford. Ford is positioning himself as the *common sense conservative*; Dr. S has very deep pockets; and Brooks is in need of a new line and \$64,000 to erase her '94 deficit. That stuff about *voter fraud* won't cut it any more...

...Other primaries to watch include the **20th C.D.**, where 4 GOPers (including Assemblyman Trice Harvey) want to take on U.S. Rep. Cal Dooley of Visalia; and the **49th C.D.**, where Peter Navarro and Nancy Casady will battle to see who takes on freshman GOP U.S. Rep. Brian Bilbray of San Diego...

...FYI: It appears that No. Calif. BOE Member Johan Klehs(D-San Leandro) is serious about running against U.S. Rep. Bill Baker(R-Walnut Creek). Stay tuned...

ANTONOVICH GUEST AT WEST L.A. LINCOLN CLUB. L.A. County Sup. Mike Antonovich will address members of the West L.A. Lincoln Club, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15, Regency Club in West L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Sarah Kane at (818)345-2310...

BOARD OF SUPES RACES: WHO'S IN & WHO'S OUT.

Editor's note: Here's our 4th update on 1996 County Board of Supervisors races...

● **Kern** - Both 1st Dist. Sup. Roy Ashburn and 5th Dist. Sup. Mary K. Shell are retiring. No plans as yet for Shell, but Ashburn(R) hopes to replace Trice Harvey in the Assembly. Lining up to run for Ashburn's 1st Dist. seat are Kern Co. Parks & Rec. Director Robert Addison; Ridgecrest Councilman Kevin Corlett; Delano Councilman Art Armendariz; and Shafter Press editor Roy Patrick. Running for Shell's 5th Dist. seat are Lamont businessman Ron Rivera; school board member Pete Parra; Hal Williams; and ex-Wyman staffer Al Gutierrez...

● **Plumas** - All 3 incumbents, 1st Dist. Sup. Fran Roudebush, 2nd Dist. Sup. Robert Meacher and 4th Dist. Sup. Phillip A. Bresciani will seek reelection. There is another vacancy on this board. In late August, Sup. Paul Simpson died. Gov. Wilson has not as yet named a replacement...

● **Sonoma** - 1st Dist. Sup. Michael Cale and 3rd Dist. Sup. Tim Smith will seek reelection, but 5th Dist. Sup. Ernest Carpenter is retiring...

● **Riverside** - 1st Dist. Sup. Robert A. Buster will seek another term, but veteran 3rd Dist. Sup. Kay Ceniceros is retiring. Names which have surfaced as possible 3rd Dist. candidates include Hemet businessman Jim Venable; former Beaumont Councilwoman Jan Laja; and ex county planning commissioner Ron Sullivan...

● **Marin** - 2nd Dist. Sup. Harold Brown and 3rd Dist. Sup. Annette Rose are expected to seek reelection, but long time 4th Dist. Sup. Gary Giacomini is pulling the plug after 22 years. Running for the 4th Dist. job are Judy Arnold, a former Giacomini staffer; local activist Steve Kinsay; environmental attorney Dottie Lemieux; and John Hess, an aide to U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer...

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CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting from the Nov. 7th muni elections throughout Calif...

◆ **San Diego Council Runoff** - Conservative campaign consultant Byron Wear defeated rival John Seymour (son of the former U.S. Senator) to become San Diego's new 2nd District councilman. Wear got 56% to Seymour's 44%. A big loss for San Diego Co. Sup. Ron Roberts, who not only endorsed Seymour, but really got into it with Wear...

◆ **S.F. DA's Race** - Long time S.F. DA Arlo Smith lost his bid to win reelection and won't even be in the Dec. 12th runoff. Finishing 1st was S.F. Co. Sup. Terence Hallinan (38.3%) and 2nd was former Deputy DA Bill Fazio (35.7%)...

◆ **Hermosa Beach Bans Oil Drilling** - Measure E the City of Hermosa Beach was approved by a 54.4% YES vs. 45.5% NO vote. This is a citywide ban on oil drilling in this beach community...

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